

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LOW COST AIR JOURNEY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that some private airlines have started air journey at low cost in the domestic and international routes to attract the passengers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to start such schemes in the public airlines also;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, route-wise, scheme-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to compete with private airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) Domestic and international air fares are not regulated by the Government. Airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces.
- (b), (c) & (d) Air India and other full-service airlines vary their air fares in line with demand and market dynamics.